

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Thursday, December 18, 2008, at 8:00 p.m.**

A Special Meeting of the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, December 18, 2008, in the Community Room of the Main Library, 159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, NY 11023. [Agenda attached]

The following Trustees were present constituting a quorum:

Martin Sokol – President
Andrew Greene – Vice President
Linda Cohen – Secretary
Marietta DiCamillo – Treasurer
Anna Kaplan – Assistant Treasurer
Norman Rutta

Absent with prior notice: Janet Eshaghoff – Assistant Treasurer

Also present: Laura Weir – Interim Library Director
 Neil Zitofsky – Business Manager
 Kevin Seaman, Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

President Sokol called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting for the Library Director.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

**Upon motion by Andrew Greene, seconded by Marietta DiCamillo,
and after discussion, it was,**

RESOLVED, that President Martin Sokol is authorized to execute the agreement dated December 18, 2008, by the Great Neck Library and Jane B. Marino, the Director to be of the Great Neck Library.

VOTE: Yes – 6 (Cohen, DiCamillo, Greene, Kaplan, Rutta, Sokol)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Marino, who was present, was congratulated and introduced as the new Library Director.

She accepted her appointment with great honor and is looking forward to working with staff and the public. She invited everyone to stop by and see her after she begins working on February 9, 2009.

President Margery Chodosch, on behalf of the Great Staff Association, welcomed Ms. Marino. She said staff was very anxious to get to know her and to work with her. Mrs. Chodosch also thanked the Board for including staff representatives on the Director Search Committee. They felt welcome and their views were taken seriously.

President Sokol expressed thanks to all his fellow Trustees, to Kevin Seaman for his guidance and hard work and to Interim Director Weir.

Mr. Seaman asked Ms. Marino to provide background information about herself for the benefit of those present. She stated that she has been a librarian for over 20 years, starting as a part-time clerk in the White Plains Public Library. After receiving her MLS degree, she became Head of Children's Services in the Scarsdale Public Library for 9 years. She wrote a couple of books on programming for babies and for very young children in libraries. In 2003, she became the Director of the Bronxville Public Library. She went on to relate how she had heard so much about Great Neck over the years of her career. On the two occasions she came to the Library in connection with her interviews, she was struck by the pride and the way in which both the Trustees and the staff serve the community.

PETITION FOR LIBRARY CHARTER IN THE FIRST INSTANCE

Upon motion by Norman Rutta, seconded by Marietta DiCamillo, and after discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library take from the table the resolution to appoint Martin H. Sokol, President of the Board of Trustees, to apply, on behalf of the Great Neck Library, to the Regents of the University of the State of New York for an Absolute Charter in the First Instance.

VOTE: Yes – 6 (Cohen, DiCamillo, Greene, Kaplan, Rutta, Sokol)
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upon motion by Marietta DiCamillo, seconded by Linda Cohen, and after discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library appoint Martin H. Sokol, President of the Board of Trustees, to apply, on behalf of the Great Neck Library, to the Regents of the University of the State of New York for an Absolute Charter in the First Instance as amended by Legal Counsel and the Library's Auditor.

Public Comments: Emanuel Kline, Stanley Romaine, Karen Rubin, Varda Solomon, Kevin Seaman

VOTE: Yes – 6 (Cohen, DiCamillo, Greene, Kaplan, Rutta, Sokol)
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Marietta DiCamillo and seconded by Linda Cohen, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Cohen, Secretary